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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Prior Group Art Unit: 2871

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For: LIQUID CRYSTAL ELEMENT AND MANUFACTURING METHOD THEREOF

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows: